

44. (Amended) A method of producing a security item according to claim 18,

comprising the step of:

providing a security item with a security element having at least one photoluminescent segment with linearly polarized luminescence, wherein the segment has a dichroic ratio of 5 or more in emission.

56. (Amended) A method of producing a security item according to claim 30,

comprising the step of:

providing an object with a security element having at least one photoluminescent segment with a linearly polarized absorption.

Please add the following new claims:

70. A security item according to claim 30, wherein the segment has a dichroic ratio of 2 or more in absorption.

71. A method of producing a security item of claim 56, wherein the segment has a dichroic ratio of 2 or more in absorption.